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1. CHINESE WHO WALKED INTO EMBASSY MOSCOW ON JULY 17 PRESUMABLY IS SUN WEI-KUO, CHICOM EMBASSY EMPLOYEE WHOSE DISAPPEARANCE LAST OCTOBER CAUSED QUITE A FLURRY HERE.

2. WHEN SUN DISAPPEARED, GOI ASKED EMBASSY IF WE KNEW SUN'S WHEREABOUTS. WE SAID WE DID NOT. WE ASSUME SAME QUESTION WAS ADDRESSED TO SOVIETS. SINCE

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INDIAN OFFICIALS HAVE CONTINUED TO SHOW INTEREST IN SUN'S FATE, WE ASSUME SOVIETS DID NOT ENLIGHTEN GOI THAT SUN HAD SOUGHT ASYLUM WITH THEM AND WAS SMUGGLED OUT VIA CALCUTTA IN MID-OCTOBER.

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3. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF GOI COULD LEARN OF SUN'S WALK-IN IN MOSCOW. AT VERY LEAST WE CAN

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AMEND OUR EARLIER DENIALS OF KNOWLEDGE OF SUN'S WHEREABOUTS, AND MAINTAIN CREDIBILITY WITH INDIANS, POSSIBLY AT SOVIET EXPENSE. THIS FACTOR PARTICULARLY RELEVANT, SINCE MEA OFFICIAL QUERIED US AGAIN JULY 31 CONCERNING SUN. HE DID SO ON BASIS OF DELHI-DATELINED STORY IN "WASHINGTON POST" TO EFFECT SUN WAS IN MOSCOW.

4. GIVEN GOI FEELING IN SVETLANA CASE THAT WE SHOULD HAVE CLEARED HER ENTIRELY LEGAL AND OVERT DEPARTURE, WE ASSUME GOI WILL BE EVEN MORE ANNOYED BY SUN CASE, IN WHICH SOVIETS ACTUALLY SMUGGLED HIM OUT.

5. FROM CREDIBILITY STANDPOINT, BEST WAY TO BRING STORY

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TO GOI ATTENTION IS TO INFORM INDIAN EMBASSY MOSCOW OF INCIDENT. THIS WOULD MINIMIZE APPEARANCE OF CYNICAL EFFORT TO UNDERCUT SOVIETS. INDIANS WOULD BE MOST INCLINED TO ACCEPT STORY IF JAPANESE WERE ALSO TO INDICATE TO INDIAN EMBASSY THAT SUN HAD VISITED THEM AND GIVEN COMPARABLE STORY.

6. IF PROPOSAL
PARA FIVE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS APPROACH MADE TO INDIAN EMBASSY. ASSUME YOU WILL NOT RPT NOT INDICATE TO INDIAN EMBASSY REPORT OF SUN VISIT PREVIOUSLY SENT US.

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